THE SIEGE RAISED

The British Under General French Reach Kimberley.

LONDON HEARS FROM ROBERTS

Jacobsdal, Cronje's Base of Supplies, Probably Captured.

OPINION OF MILITARY EXPERTS

Belief That the Boer Commander Has Retreated and Is Now in a Perilous Position With His Forces-Hardly Possible That the Burghers Have Been Able to Retire to Blocmfontein-Cooped in Between Methuen. French, and Roberts-Fears in London of Another Trap for the English-The Relieved City Not of Military Importance-No Mention of Opposition in Official Despatches.

LONDON, Feb. 16.-The following des patch was received at the War Office at 4 a. m. today:

"JACOBSDAL, Feb.16-(2 a. m.).-French with a force of artillery, cavalry, and mounted infantry, reached Kimberley this ROBERTS." evening. Thursday.

This despatch shows that General French relieved Kimberley last evening and that Cecil Rhodes is no longer in danger of be ing captured by the Boers.

When the news that Lord Roberts had succeeded in pushing General French's force forward, and had relieved Kimberley, was received at the War Office, none of the officials were present, but hurried mes sages brought them. A consultation was held, and then Lord Robert's message, at 9:50, was posted on the bulletin board.

Its date, "Jacobsdal," shows that Rob erts has also captured that Boer strong hold. The fact that no information has been given out as to what fighting, if any, French and Roberts did, is taken to mean that General Cronje, upon realizing the strength and object of Roberts' movement has retreated.

There is also the possibility that Cronje at Magarsfontein has been flanked on the east by French, and that the major part

It is hardly possible that the Boers have route of Roberts and French lay across the path thither from Magarsfontein. If they been an inglorious rout, with undoubted loss of their leavy guns, followed by a pursuit which will annihilate the force.

Many critics, however, are not incline to take such a rosy view of the matter and it is believed by them that the Boers retired and permitted French to reach Kimberley, which is of no especial military importance, and that a Boer surprise

The relief of Kimberley, after four When the War Office issued the news this morning few persons, be sides the newspaper men, were in th building, but crowds quickly assembled. Other excited crowds assembled at the Mansion House to read the bulletin.

In his despatches to the War Office Lord Roberts makes no mention of what opposition General French met. The despatch is dated Jacobsdal, which has hitherto been Cronje's base of supplies.

It is thought likely that large number of the Boers have been withdrawn from Magarsfontein, though a Cape Town des patch states that 7,000 to 10,000 burghe were at that point on February 14.

The siege of Kimberley has lasted since October 13. The Boers made the most des perate efforts to take the city in the hop of obtaining possession of the diamone mines, which they declared they would

Another object of their attack on the city was Cecil Rhodes, with whom they have many scores to settle, the latest of which is the famous Jameson raid. They declared when they captured him they would place him in an iron cage and ex Rhodes was not frightened by their threats, however, but took an active part in the defence of the city. He even had his miniature painted during the bom-bardment by Miss Amalie Kuessner, the American portrait painter. She is now on

her way across the Atlantic to America. Colonel Kekewich was in command of the British forces at Kimberley during the siege, and made a remarkable defence. He had about 6,000 men, including artillery cavalry and infantry. The De Beers Company, owners of the diamond mines, in anticipation of trouble, had laid in an enormous stock of provisions and ammuni tion, and had even fertified their mines and no doubt materially aided the regular in saving the city from the Boers.

Shells were continuously dropped int the city, and at times attempts were made by spies, mostly Kaffirs, to dynamite the mines, but they were caught. Several sorties were made by Kekewich's forces, and a series of defences built about the city, which made it practically impregnable to an attacking force. Starvation and disease were the only enemies feard and these could have been staved off only a short while longer.

On November 25, the garrison made a sortie but were compelled to return. In this battle Major Scott-Turner, of the Black Watch; Lieutenant Wright, of the Kimberley Light Horse, and twenty noncommissioned officers and men were killed and three officers and twenty-eight men were wounded. On November 28, the gar rison was able to signal Lord Methuen's William C. Witt, of the Hospital Corps, at forces which were marching to the relief | Santa Clara, February 14, of malignant of the town. Since Lord Methuen's at tempts to relieve the town there has been no move of any importance.

THE FIGHT AT COLESBERG. Boer Despatch Claiming That the

British Lost Heavily. LONDON, Feb. 16 .- A Boer despatch n February 15 the burghers inflicted sc ere losses on the British, and captured one Maxim gun. They also forced the British to abandon another gun, which probably will be captured.

CONDITIONS AT LADYSMITH.

The Garrison Still Confident-Living on Horse Ment.

LONDON, Feb. 16.-A correspo who escaped from Ladysmith on February 10, describes the disappointment of the arrison after General Buller's last reerses. The severity of the firing had raised high hopes of relief and the garison was tenced by Recorder Goff this morning to discorrespondingly depressed when it was in the electric chair in the week beginning earned that the British forces had again | March 26. The young man's demeanor



rom Colesberg states that in the fighting Mo'ineux's Statement to the Court After Being Sentenced.

> When Hearing That He Is to Die During the Last Week in March He Denounces the Attack Made on His Wife's Character by the District Attorney-His Plea of Innocence,

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.-Roland B. Molineux, convicted of the murder of Mrs. Kate J. Adams on December 28, 1898, was sen



CECIL RHODES, WHOM THE BOERS FAILED TO CAPTURE.

fallen back. The garrison is still confident, though the diet of horse and mule meat is becoming monotonous. Enteric fevers and dysentery are abating

but camp fever of a mild nature is on the cast by French, and that the major of his force is now cooped up between are very scarce. An egg costs a summagned fine force is now cooped up between are very scarce. An egg costs a summagned fine force is now cooped up between are very scarce. An egg costs a summagned fine force is now cooped up between are very scarce. An egg costs a summagned fine force is now cooped up between are very scarce. An egg costs a summagned fine force is now cooped up between are very scarce. An egg costs a summagned fine force is now cooped up between are very scarce. An egg costs a summagned fine force is now cooped up between are very scarce. An egg costs a summagned fine force is now cooped up between are very scarce. An egg costs a summagned fine force is now cooped up between are very scarce. An egg costs a summagned fine force is now cooped up between are very scarce are very scarce. An egg costs a summagned fine force is now cooped up between are very scarce are very scarce are very scarce. An egg costs a summagned fine force is now cooped up between are very scarce are very scarce. An egg costs a summagned fine force is now cooped up between are very scarce are very scarce. An egg costs a summagned fine force is now cooped up between are very scarce are very scarce are very scarce. Jacobsdal, and no chance for escape to the Boers are smuggling tobacco in through the natives.

Thousands of natives, who are employe been able to retire to Bloemfontein for the on the wharves at Durban, have been seriously disaffected by the reports of the invasion of Zululand by the Boers. The ringhave attempted to retreat northward it has leader was brought before the magistrati who informed him that the stories of an invasion were false. They also informed him that Great Britain would notify the natives whenever there is any danger. They also informed him that if the natives attempted to leave, without having secured passes, they would be arrested. The lead-

FRENCH'S ADVANCE CONTESTED. months' close investment, is also a relief Much Opposition Encountered En

RIET RIVER, Feb. 16 .- The Boers con ested General French's passage at Dekiel and Waterfall Drifts on Monday. After shelling the Boer position for several hours, General French drove the burghers

On Tuesday he resumed his march or Kimberley and Rondeval Drifts on the Modder River. There was a short engage-ment at these points, but the British shelled the Boers vigorously and the latter

when sentence was passed, was in keeping with his conduct during the trial, and when the verdict was rendered against him. He was very white, but apparently undaun Before the sentence was pronounced, Molineux's counsel made the usual formal motions for a new trial, but the motions were denied by the Recorder.

Molineux started to address the court. tecorder Goff stopped him, and then at the equest of Molineux's counsel, permitted him to speak. Molineux then began an adiress, in which he declared his innocens of the crime, denounced "yellow journal-

or the attack on his wife, an attack which ne said was damnable. Molineux said: "I am not guilty of the crime of which have been convicted, or that other crime. have been convicted, or that other crime, never had a murderous motive, and these ands never penned the address on the cleon package or wrote any of the other isputed writings. But my situation is not chat affects me most. I denounce and contemn the action of the district atturney in his cowardly attack on the pure and overly woman who hears my name. If levely woman who bears my name. It was the act of a coward."

Molineux's voice was low and measured it first, but when he referred to the ac-ion of the district attorney, his voice rose

of Appeals of the District of Columbia.
In their letter transmitting the report the Court has refused to allow any reference to the case of a man who was unustly imprisoned on a West Indian island because handwriting experts made a mistake. The whole world knows now what a terrible mistake those handwriting experts which is described in the terrible mistake those handwriting expects which is the court and of its work, which is take. The whole world knows now what a terrible mistake those handwriting experts made in that instance. The same horrible mistake has been made in this instance, and I beg leave to call the attention of your honor to the direct testimony delivered in my behalf by Emma Miller,

THE PARTITION OF SAMOA. Ratifications of the Treaty Exchang ed at the White House.

WASHINGTON, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1900.

The ceremony of exchanging ratifica tions of the treaty for the partition of the Samoan Islands between the United States and Germany took place at the State De partment today. In order to complete the xchange similar ceremonies will occur in Berlin and London.

These formal acts will mark an end of he tripartite protectorate over Samoa and Great Britain's withdrawal from any paricipation in the affairs of the islands The next step will be the formal assump tion by Germany of authority over Upolo and the other islands lying west of the 171st parallel and the formal assumption by the United States of authority over the uitula and the other islands lying east of

President McKinley will issue a procla-ation taking over Tuitula and i's neigh-oring islands to the United States, and will designate a naval officer to represent ne Government there. The ceremony of xchange took place in the Diplomatic

ch signed a recept. The attair was con-uded in a few minutes.

In Berlin the German Minister of For-gn Affairs will hand copies of the treaty the diplomatic representatives of Great ritain and the United States, and in Lon-Britain and the United States, and in Lonlon the British Minister of Foreign Afairs will hand copies of the treaty to the
American and German representatives.

It is not necessary that all three cerenonies shall take place on the same day,
but the practice is to have them occur
very near together. The copies handed by
Secretary Hay to Lord Pauncefote and
Herr ven Holleben will be sent to London
and Berlin for preservation.

THE CABINET MEETING.

Macrum and the Philippine Commission Discussed.

The Macrum incident was discuseed to some extent at the regular meeting of the Cabinet today, particularly with ref-

"We want very little legislation for the Philippines. We want their leaders to come here and see how we govern ourselves, to enable them to do likewise. We wish for them peace and good order, and they will have it with very little assistance from us. The absurd charge that there is any intention on the part of the Administration or the Republican or the Democratic larty to govern the Philippines or any other territory which we have acquired, or may acquire as colonies, by the strong arm of the military power, is entirely without foundation.

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"There is no more doubt that the Philippines was not enforced in Washington of the transportation of the clayton of the Clayton were densitied and resumed consideration of the Clayton were different conception of the Clayton were different conception of the Clayton were densitied and resumed consideration of the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial Appropriation bill for the year ending June Treaty from that held by Secretary Marcy, in 1856, six years after the conclusion of the treaty.

"In a long letter to Mr. Dallas, on May 24, 1856, setting forth Great Britain's distributed attack on the Civil Service law, which he denounced as unnecessary and undenounced as unnec "We want very little legislation for the hilippines. We want their leaders to ome here and see how we govern our-elves, to enable them to do likewise. We

"I am aware of the suggestion of ar mpost duty upon the products of Porto Rico, which, of course, would be one of the worst forms of colonial policy. This suggestion is pregnant with evil, and, if car ried out, would furnish substantial groundwork for the charge of imperialism. It would be too much like the exactions which imperial Rome made upon her conquered provinces, and it might furnish a parallel to some extent of the imperial representations of the imperial countries in scent olicy of monarchical countries in recent I am glad the President of the United States has not made that mistake

sage he says: 'Our plain duty is to abolish all cus

"The recommendation of the Secretary of War, contained in his last annual re-port, described in forceful language the injustice of erecting a tariff barrier against the products of Porto Rico. Since the transfer of the island to the United States Spain has erected such a barrier, and it the United States does likewise, her ma kets will be cut off and the people will be

ng with the people of newly acquired ter

criminating duties against the products of our own territory, would breed dissatis-faction and discord. It might lead to mili-tarism. It might require a large army to maintain order and force the people of the eriminating policy. It might do more, It

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might involve vas: expenditures to main ain armies of occupation, which would e dangerous to the safety of the Repub

cans instead of a sullen and disco

"If we treat Porto Rico as we treate Louisiana, Florida, and California, the people of that island will learn to love the American flag and will soon be loyal Amer-

icans instead of a sullen and discontented people, suffering from discriminating laws. "The discussion of the Constitutional power of Congress in connection with thesislands is unprofitable. There is no doubt that Congress has power to rob the territories in a thousand ways and render the people of our new acquisitions more miserable than they were under the horrible system of Spanish extortion which we undertook to abolish

"There is no doubt that the people of th

United States could amend the Constitution and re-establish slavery if they were wicked enough to do so. It would be just

as profitable to discuss whether the people could, if they would, establish a monarchy in this country, as it is to discuss the ques-tion whether Congress has the Constitu-

tion which greed may suggest.
"The country has a right to know that no imperialism or militarism is intended; that the people of the islands will be treated in the same manner that the people of the stands will be treated in the same manner that the people of t

ple of Louisiana, Florida, and California

requisition, that will require military force o keep in subjection, but the millions of ecople who occupy those islands who are not savages will furnish no excuse for mili-

ers or establishing an empire on the ruins

THE PAY OF POSTAL CLERKS.

Arguments Heard on a Bill to In-

THE DAY IN THE HOUSE.

Appropriations Under Discussion.

nefficiency of the Government," replied

Mr. Fitzgerald.

The survivors, he said, were entitled to claim their rights in the Bureau of Pensions, atthough Commissioner Evans' antagonism to Spanish war veterans had

aused an accumulation of 25,000 claims in

the Bureau without action, depriving many men entitled to receive it of that which was necessary for the support of their

THE FINANCIAL BILL

A House Resolution for a Conference

With the Senate.

Immediately after the reading of the

ournal in the House this morning Secre-

ary Bennett, of the Senate appeared, to

ntative Tawney of Minnesota

erease Their Salaries.

of the Republic

The Bacon Philippine Resolution Taken Up in the Senate.

Mr. McEnery Discusses Permanent Annexation-Mr. Stewart Declares Little Legislation Is Needed-His Views on the Proposed Impost Duty on Porto Rican Products.

In the Senate today the resolution hereofore offered by Mr. Bacon declaring it not to be the purpose of the Government to secure and maintain permanent dominion over the Philippine Islands, was taken up. Mr. McEnery was the first speaker.

The all-absorbing question, he said, was what should be done with the islands. He thought it unfortunate that they had been thrown on the hands of the United States If their products of rice, sugar, tobacco Those present were the Secretary of State, Lord Pauncefote, the British Ambassador; Herr on Helleben, the German Ambassador; Mr. Taylor, the acting chief of the Diplomatic Bureau of the State Described by the Bureau of the State Described by the Diplomatic Bureau of the be established which would interfere with tment, and William Given, Secretary be established which would interfere with those of the South and injure even those flixed the seals to all treaties.

There was nothing strikingly formal or islands could not be given up. of the East and North. Nevertheless the

There was nothing strikingly formal or islands could not be given up. It is a sovereight of the United States in the history of the nations involved. Secretary Hay handdo to Lord Pauncefoe and Herr von Helleben cach a copy of the treaty signed by President McKinley and himself. Then Lord Pauncefote and Herr von Holleben and signed a receipt. The affair was concluded in a few minutes. expansion. He was opposed to the annexation of territory beyond the natural boundary of the country. The permanent

territory is imperialism is refuted by the fact that neither Jefferson, Monroe, Jack-son, Polk, nor any of their associates are regarded as imperialists. The imperialism regarded as imperialists. The imperialism they advocated made homes for patriotic, liberty-loving, self-respecting citizens, whose loyalty to the Government of the United States is unsurpassed by the people of any of the thirteen original States. "If to assist the people of the Philippines to establish local self-government after the plan adopted by Jefferson is imperialism, then Jefferson was the pioneer imperialist of the United States. The Philippines will never be dependent colonies.

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look to the United States for models for constitutions and laws in their own coun-try, as evidenced by the proclamations and publications which we read in the news-

on the contrary, in his last annual mes

toms tariffs between the United States and Porto Rico and give her products free ac-cess to our markets.'

"I am glad the President in his recommendation and the Secretary of War in his report are governed by the established policy of the United States in treat-"The colonial policy of greed, with dis

tary Benneti, of the Senate appeared, to announce the passage of the Financial bill. He was greeted with applause, having been a member of the House in the Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth Congresses. Mr. Overstreet of Indiana, asked unani-mous consent to take up the bill, to non-concur in the Senate amendments, and to ask a conference with the Senate the concur in the senate anisotants, and ask a conference with the Senate thereon which was agreed to. Speaker Henderson stated that he would announce the conferees during the day.

Norfolk & Washington Steamboat Co Delightful trips daily at 6:30 p. m. to Old Po-Comfort. Newport News, Norfolk, and Virg-Beach. Por schedule, see page 7.

Opposition to the Canal Treaty Alarms Republican Leaders.

Probable Effect of the Ratification of the Hay-Paracetote Convention on the Presidential Election - The House May Refuse to Appropriate Money for the Isthmian Waterway.

The lieutenants of the Administration at he Capitol are disturbed. They fear that the Administration is running counter to the popular current on so many proposi tions that it may not reach the goal this fall for which both great political parties ional power to discriminate against the eople of the new acquisitions by unequal evenue laws or any other form of extorwill contend. In this connection the Gold Standard bill, the Ship Subsidy bill, the bill for the government of Porto Rico, and the Hay-Pauncefote Treaty, are pointed out. It is the effect on the popular mind which the ratification of the treaty would have, that the Republican leaders at the Capitol most fear. pre of Louisiana, Fforda, and Cantornia were treated, and that no army will be necessary to make them submit to the local governments which we will assist in ordaining and establishing.

"It may be that there are savages in those islands, as in the case of every other

"And this fear is well founded" said a Democratic Senator to a Times reporter today. "I believe that should this Administration insist on forcing the Hay-Pauncefote Treaty through the Senate it will cost them every chance they now have of winning at the next election. I believe that if not savages will furnish no excuse for militarism or imperialism. Whatever mistakes may have been made in dealing with the Filipinos or in failing to fully acquaint them with the policy of our Government, the President's message recommending equal laws for Porto Rico, and the appointment of Judge Taft to commence the work of instructing and aiding the Filipinos to establish and maintain local self-group ment in the recommendation of the president of the president of the president of the president of the property in the treaty shall be ratified, the House of Representatives will refuse to appropriate money for the isthmian Canal, and the charge of having appropriate money for the isthmian Canal, and the charge of having appropriate money for the isthmian Canal, and the charge of having appropriate money for the isthmian Canal, and the charge of having appropriate money for the isthmian Canal, and the charge of having appropriate money for the isthmian Canal, and the charge of having appropriate money for the isthmian Canal, and the charge of having defeated that great work, demanded by American opinion, will rest the president's message recommending equal laws for porton Republican party on the event of a Presidential campaign. They will also have to bear the charge of having surthe treaty shall be ratified, the House of maintain local sel®government indicate rendered the Monroe Doctrine. They very clearly that the President has no idea of departing from the teaching of the fathrendered the Monroe Doctrine. They would

endorse the Clayton-Bulwer Treaty, which was repudiated by the American Government soon after it was entered into.

"It will be confusing to the Republicans when the 'deadiy parallel' shall be arawn upon them showing the similarity between the Hay-Pauncefote and the Clayton-Bulwer treaties, and the dissimilarity between the Hay-Pauncefote Treaty and the doc-

Representative Tawney of Minnesota appeared before the House Committee on Postofilees and Postroads this morning, in behalf of his bill to reclassify the rail-

behalf of his bill to reclassify the railway postal clerks and to increase their salaries. The bill, he said, had been endorsed by the Postmaster General, the Second Assistant Postmaster General, and the Superintendent of the Railway Mail Service. He had gone over the bill with Superintendent White, and the amount of increase in salaries would in round numbers amount to one million dollars per annum.

Frank H. Richardson, of Atlanta, addressed the Committee in support of the bill. He said he had personal knowledge of the hard work required of the postal clerks. He told of the strain endured by them, and the constant danger they were liable to. He hoped the committee would unanimously report the bill.

Representative Overstreet of Indiana

The Senator who was thus freely discussing the treaty and showing the weap-on he will use when the treaty comes be-Legislative, Executive, and Judicial fore the Senate, continued: "Mr. Hay and Mr. McKinley entertain a

After disposing of routine business this

intirely without foundation.

"There is no more doubt that the Philppines with our assistance will have good government, and that they will be beneficial to us, than there is that good government has been secured under the Amerian flag wherever it has floated.

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hat State.

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lists may be brought into line to give necessary two-thirds majority." A BLIZZARD IN SIGHT.

A Warning Issued by the Weather Bureau Officials.

According to a statement issued this norning by the Weather Bureau, a bliz-

Pref. Willis S. Moore, in a bulletin says: 'Heavy snow will probably continue in the Middle and North Atlantic States during the next twenty-four hours, and will be followed by several days of severe cold weather. Hoist cold wave flag; temperature will fall twenty degrees by Saturday

Up to 2:10 o'clock today the Weather Up to 3:10 o clock today in a weather Bureau oficials found no reason for altering this prognostication. Just one year and two days ago the worst blizzard known in years made its appearance in this locality. The suspicion was abroad all day that

\$1.25 To Baltimore and Re- \$1.25 turn via Pennsylvania Railroad.



fled precipitately, abandoning five laagers, who said that I did not buy the silver bose- for a larger recognition of service rendered a large quantity of cattle and 2,000 sheep.

THE NEWS CONFIRMED.

Cablegrams for Kimberley Now Accepted in New York. NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—The Direct United States Cable Company has issued

fire, however, checked their advance, and the Inniskillen Dragoons made a dashing and effective charge.

William C. Witt Dead.

General Wood cabled the War Depart ent from Havana today of the death of

Flynn's Business Cottege, 8th and K. \$5-Census Office Examination-\$5.

the holder. I never purchased such an article, and to the testimony of Kooh, who said that I did not rent a letter box from him. I cannot conceive your honor, how a jury of intelligent men could possible mental than the could be set to the could bly pay the least attention to the testi-mony of a man of the low character of H. Heckan. His word is not worth taking." United States Cable Company has issued the following notice: "We are advised that cablegrams can now be acceepted for Kimberley, South Africa, at sender's risk, and not over twelve words in length."

THE BRITISH WITHDRAW.

Rensburg Evacuated and the Boers Encouraged to Advance.

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 15—The British counsel said, after the verdict was rendered, that they did not believe that Molineux would be made to comply with monayed Rensburg today, and the Boers, and the great and the great and the great and the great and the counsel said, after the verdict was rendered, that they did not believe that Molineux would be made to comply with a great advised to the great and the great advised to the grant and the great a The condemned man will be taken evacuated Rensburg today, and the Boers, emboldened by their success, attempted to follow the English up. Artillery and rifle that the notice of appeal would act as a

sufficient stay to prevent all the degreda-tion which convicts usually undergo. His appeal will prevent the execution of rus appear will prevent the execution of sentence for months, and may be for a year, whether or not a new trial is granted. Both the district attorney and Molineux's counsel think that the appeal will be argued before the 10th of May, but no decision is expected on the appeal before carly fall. Counsel for Molineux are confident of a reversal of the judgment against their client. Should the Court of Appeals decide against Molineux he will be fort Carnamera, Guantapamo Bay, brought here to be resentenced.

The Commissioners believe that the pub interests would be best subserved by enactment of the legislation embodied THE REPUBLICAN CAUCUS. The Future Programme and Patron age Under Discussion. The Republican Senatorial caucus was in ession this morning from 10:30 till 12 o'clock, but the members gave out the statement that little was definitely accom-plished. It was decided to give the bill for the government and relief of Porto Rico and Hawaii precedence over all other The greater portion of the time was

committee appointed to look into this matter submitted a report which vias con-sidered at length. It involves a number of changes among the employes at the Capitol. A Gavel Made of Relies. DUNKIRK, N. Y., Feb. 16.—Mayor Witt-ner has received a gift of a unique gavel from Frank Meakim, of the brooseys and Yard. The head is a piece of the signal mast of the Maine blown up two years ago in Havana harbor, and the handle is a part of the roof beam of the old Spanish for Carmannera Guantapamo Bay, defrom Frank Meakim, of the Brooklyn Navy

stroyed by the United Steamship Texas.

taken up in discussing the question of the patronage to be allowed each Senator. The